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1. FOLLOWING A DECISION BY THE QUEEN, DUTCH CABINET WILL
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REMAIN IN CARETAKER STATUS UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT CAN BE FORMED
AFTER MAY 25 ELECTIONS. QUEEN THUS OPTED FOR LINE RECOMMENDED
TO HER BY MOST POLITICAL LEADERS. IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT PUBLISHED
LATE MARCH 28, QUEEN ALSO TOOK POSITION THAT A CARETAKER CABINET
COULD AND SHOULD DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT
DISSOLUTION WILL TAKE PLACE THE DAY BEFORE ELECTIONS.

2. IN CARETAKER STATUS, GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED ONLY TO MIND THE SHOP DURING NEXT TWO MONTHS. CONTROVERSIAL MEASURES WILL BE CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT GOVERNMENT FOR RESOLUTION. LOWER HOUSE OF STATES GENERAL WILL MEET MARCH 30 TO DECIDE WHAT ITEMS IT WILL HANDLE IN THE EIGHT LEGISLATIVE DAYS REMAINING BEFORE RECESS FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

3. QUEEN'S DECISION FOR CONTINUING THE DEN UYL CABINET IN CARETAKER STATUS WAS IN LINE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS SHE RECEIVED FROM LABOR, RADICAL, COMMUNIST AND CHRISTIAN HISTORICAL PARTY LEADERS. CARETAKER POSITION MET MOST OPPOSITION FROM CATHOLIC AND ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY PARTY LEADERS WHO WANTED TO CREATE A DEN UYL II CABINET AND CONTINUE ON A BUSINESS AS USUAL BASIS. WITH THE COALITION IN LIMBO AND CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES SHELVED FOR THE MOMENT, THE DUTCH ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN EARNEST.
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